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The government is more trustful of than is any private corporation. In "The shipmaster." he says, "bought a the United States treasury the whole low of a man down my way; good output of the nation's currency is gritter-nothin the matter with her. handled by men who are under neither But it seems the captain's wife one er handles \$40,000,000 or \$50,000,000 a and segested that p'raps she'd been \$60,000 in change at hand. The money tasted like spruce. And what does be in charge of the keeper of the cash- do but go out in the pasture to watch room runs from \$170,000,000 upward, the cow, to see what she did eat. The handles millions every day. Any of and he went erlong and run his finger mous amounts of money and be reason- in. Then he was mad. He put a rope ably secure against detection for a con- on the cow and started off with her. siderable length of time. Nevertheless, He met a neighbor, who says, 'Where peculations from the treasury have are you goin with the cow? 'Goin to been few and small in amount during take her back to the feller that sold its history. There is an axiom in the her to me. He's cheated me, and I department which runs as follows:

"Wherever money is handled there is a point at which the honesty of the the matter, and he went on to tell individual must be the main reliance." And so the treasury dispenses with boughs, but she was chewin gum; the services of spotters. However, that's what's the matter with the milk private business interests involving the and makes it taste like spruce. And, handling of large sums of money are he says, 'that ain't all. She's so addicta necessity in the present phase of in her head. Back she goes, quick." is likely to persist.-S. H. Adams in word of it and went on and had a tar-

A Precocious Baby,

The baby was only 4, but she was an only child and had lived with her parents largely in hotels, and she was a self possessed little maiden. She was always a model of propriety as to manners, so that when one day a young man, a friend of her papa's and mamma's and a great admirer of the little girl, asked to take her out to luncheon all by herself she was allowed to go. chaperon sometimes. The little girl was to do the ordering. She undertook this responsibility with confidence and, taking up the menu, studied it with as much gravity as if the letters were not as unreadable to ber as Greek would have been to her mamma.

"I will have some meat and some potatoes," she said gravely, "and by and by I may have some ice cream."

The order was given, the cream followed, and the little lady was an altegether charming, dainty and sweet littie companion for luncheon. The meal ended with the dignity with which it had begon, the young woman donned her wraps, and as the young man was preparing to escort her to the door she remarked gravely:

"And now.I will have some flowers." It was the last touch of grown upness, and it was the proudest young man in New York who took home a pretty and dignified baby with a big bunch of roses in her arms.-New York

A Patent Hole.

which patent protection has been or the duster begins to make dust fly. able. One of the best relates to holes cannot and will not stand dust. When stream of water issuing from her side, a little above the water line; that water the pores of dust and making a sound is pumped into the ship for the pur- exactly like coughing. At the same pose of condensing the waste steam time the leaves tremble and the plant it as water to the boilers.

At last it occurred to a genius that If a hole were made in the bottom of the ship forward of the condenser and another abaft it, the water would circulate around the condenser without the ald of a pump. It is for the shape of these holes, so that they will offer less resistance to the water when the ship is traveling fast, that several patents have been granted.

A Testamentary Puzzle,

An Englishman who recently died had three children, one son and two daughters, and he mentioned all of them in his will.

The first clause is, "I leave my plano to Mary Elizabeth, when Arthur has done with it." The other clause is, "To Susan Jane-she may take whatever Arthur wishes to give to her." There is no doubt of Arthur's stand-

ing in the document, but the pointed question is raised. Are Mary Elizabeth and Susan Jane beneficiaries under the

The One Exception.

Towne-He's quite a linguist, I be-

different tongues. Towne-So I understand; but there's

one tongue he has never succeeded in the point;

Browne-What's that? Chinese? Towne-No, his wife's.-Philadelphia

Press. Might Be Out of Debt.

"My case is peculiar," remarked the letter B

"How so?" chorused the other letters of the alphabet.

"Well, when it comes to making He-You might have guessed it boodle, I niways lead, and, you will easily, when I offered to marry you .notice, there is absolutely no reason Pick-Me-Up why I should be in 'debt.' "-Exchange.

Some Coloring. Scribbell What makes young Pen-

ner so blue? Wright-Oh, he's green at the busi-

ness, and he's discovered that his man- five years and finally died a Christian." uscripts are never read by the editor .hiladelphia Record.

His Part.

"Ever in amateur theatricals?"

"What part did you take?" "Me? I took all the abuse. I was stage manager, you see."-Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

Nature opposes all attempts at making mankind think or act anke.

A certain farmer is telling mean the employees in its financial center things about a Rockland shipmaster. surveillance nor bond. The paying tell- day thought the milk tasted funny year. The exchange clerk has every day eatin spruce boughs; said the milk and the chief of the issue division cow was tayin down, chewin her cud, these men could get away with enor- in her mouth to see what she was eat-

won't stand it.'

"The man wanted to know what was about it and says: 'She wasn't eatin

not likely to follow this example, ed to the habit that she's worn all her Spotters may be an evil, but they are teeth out. She ain't got an upper tooth human development, and until some "Of course, the man told him that it psychological chemist devises a prep-was all nonsense-that cows never had aration to make men honest the type no upper teetls. But he didn't believe a

nal row with the man that sold him the cow. Guess he was never satisfied about it or knew what a darned fool he was makin of himself."-Rockland (Me.) Opinion.

Generous Great Britain.

Britain's "earth hunger" is a common sneer on the continent, but look at what we have given away without the least reason!

We took the Ionian islands in 1809 and handed them over to Greece for A very tiny girl may go without a nothing about 50 years afterward. Corsica shows George III as its king, but we abandoned it three years later. and the French naturally grabbed it. Tangier came to us by the marriage of Charles II. We abandoned it at the nd of 22 years.

We took Cuba in 1762 and handed it back to the Spaniards, after holding it for 10 months. We took the Philippines and returned them to the same ountry for £800,000-which was never

Here is a short list of other places which we once held and gave up without compulsion: Minorca, Sielly, Sardinia, Buenos Ayres, Montevideo, Java, Pondicherry, Celebes, Moluccas, Elba and about 50 other places.

We took Cape Colony in 1795, but gave it up again to the Dutch. In 1806 we took it again-and kept it.-London Standard.

The Coughing Bean.

To the ordinary housemaid the falling of a bouse plant into a violent paroxysm of coughing is naturally disconcerting. Yet there are plants Of the many extraordinary things for which will do this when the broom granted a hole seems to be the most This singular plant is the "coughing useless and impossible. Yet there are bean," known to the botanist as the many patents for holes, and, what is Eutada tussiens. It is a native of more, the patents are valid and valu- warm and moist tropical countries and Every one who has seen a screw them, a gas accumulates inside the strength forcibly "blows off," clearing that leaves the cylinders and returning actually "gets red in the face," through the sinking of the green chlorophyll grains and the appearance of red particles on the leaves. This plant is sometimes used as a house plant, and sweeping the room sets it coughing, to the intense astonishment of persons not familiar with its peculiarities,

Missed His Guess.

An American who was sojourning in Spain at the time says that on the day when Dewey was destroying the Spanish squadron at Manila a representative audience, including some of Spain's bravest and best, were attending a patriotic bullfight in Madrid. applauding these words of the famous matadore: "With the ease with which I have killed this noble animal, the bull, will the glorious Spanish nation uphold the traditions of the past and keep green the laurels of their illustrious fathers by triumphing over the Yankee pig."

The Only Thing.

A man once wrote to a western lawyer for information in regard to a person who had owed him a considerable sum of money for a long time. "What property has he which I could Browne-Yes, he can converse in 14

attach?" be asked. The lawyer's reply was brief and to

"The man died six months ago. He has left nothing subject to attachment save a widow "-Youth's Companion.

A Smooth Answer. He-Do you think you really wanted

a new dress now? She-You don't know anything about it. I wish I had known before I married you what a stupid you are.

Deathbed Repentance.

"He was in the legislature two years," reads a notice of a departed citizen; "came within an ace of going to congress, held a government office -Atlanta Constitution.

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